



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/843,630 **Confirmation No.:** 9204
Applicant: Kazuo Nishiyama
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SIR:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to March 11, 2004. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$950.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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